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ABSTRACT:

A computerized system for forming a computer based communications network of
network members inclusive of network buyers and or network vendors for processing
requests for quotation for goods and services through at least one central
processing unit including operating system software for controlling the central
processing unit, storage means containing the identification of network members,
means for network buyers to generate request for quotation for goods and/or
services, means for transmitting said request for quotation to said central
processing unit, filter means for selecting appropriate network members to receive
said request for quotation based on filter conditions defined by the buyer in said
request for quotation and/or by the vendor and/or by the central processing unit,
means for broadcasting said request for quotation to the network members selected
by said filter means and means for responding to the generator of said request for
quotation with either a response to said request for quotation or with a list of
said selected network members. Filter conditions may define the class of vendors in
terms of geographical location, quantity, language spoken, currency, special
conditions of sale, and the like.

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